



THOMAS F. KEATON, Killed in Action in France, Sept. 27, 1918.

THE LAST SALUTE.

Thomas F. Keaton, 140th Infantry, Killed in France, Buried With Military Honors.

Thomas F. Keaton, a soldier who answered his country's call from Forbes township, and who gave his all for civilization and humanity, now sleeps in his village cemetery on native soil. The body arrived in Forbes from Hoboken, Saturday, Sept. 10, and was laid away with military honors, conducted by Harris E. Petree, Post, American Legion, of Oregon, on Monday of this week, September 12, the third anniversary of the great initial all-American drive at St. Mihiel, and within sixteen days of the third anniversary that he went down on Argonne's bloody field.

He, like the other of the thousands who paid the debt of the true, brave soldier, knew there was not to return why there was, but to do and die—and he with thousands of his comrades died. And now Tommy Keaton sleeps the sleep that knows no waking in the cemetery at Forbes, only to be called on Resurrection Morn.

Sleep, Comrade, sleep; Thy warfare is o'er.

Despite the inclement weather, many hundreds of people assembled at the Forbes M. E. church, on Monday afternoon, together with a detail from the Harris E. Petree Post, American Legion, to pay their last and tribute that the living can pay the dead—to Tommy Keaton, the brave, heroic soldier, the boy who was ever true and loyal to his mother; no sacrifice too great for him to make for her, who gave him being; one so ever true to his school-mates, and ever ready to do his honorable part in life. He lived a clean, honorable life and journeyed here, an ever self-respecting young man.

The flag-draped casket was escorted from the home of his aunt, Mrs. John Taylor, of Forbes, by his comrades in arms of Forbes township, acting as pall-bearers, and other ex-service men, the escort being the Harris E. Petree Post, American Legion, with color guard and firing squad.

An impressive song service was rendered by a quartette, consisting of Messrs. Guy L. Cummins and Harry Pollock and Mesdames J. L. Henninger and Bonnie Hogan, of Oregon. "Taps" was beautifully sung, as a solo, by Mrs. Henninger.

An impressive funeral discourse was delivered by Rev. Lynn E. Jones, of the Mound City M. E. church, who served as chaplain in the World War, and he was assisted by Rev. Albert Martin, of Forest City, and the body was laid away in the Forbes cemetery, with the soldier's final salute.

Thomas F. Keaton was born in Omaha, Neb., August 15, 1891, and came to Holt county with his parents in 1894, and since that time the greater part of his life had been spent in the vicinity of Forbes, with the exception of a short time spent in Colorado and other Western states.

He leaves surviving him his mother, Mrs. Ed Cotton, of near Forbes; four sisters, Mrs. Bradie Sipes, Forest City; Mrs. George Miller, St. Joseph; Mrs. Mary Simpson, Denver, Colo.; and Mrs. Agnes Frankensple, Akron, Ohio, and one brother, Chas., of Cedar Rapids, Neb. He was a most dutiful son, always devoted to his mother, and very generous and loyal to friends.

In company with James Craig, of Forbes, Keaton enlisted in the 4th Mo. N. G., Co. C, 140th Inf., at St. Joseph, June 22, 1917, and was mustered into the federal service along with other National Guard men on August 5, 1917, leaving St. Joseph for Nevada, Mo., thence to Camp Doniphan, where the 35th Division was organized. The division trained here until April 4, 1918, when they left for Camp Mills, N. Y., where their overseas equipment was drawn. The regiment embarked on the English liner, Adriatic, and landed at Liverpool, May 8, 1918. From Liverpool they went to Winchester, England, for a few days, and then to Southampton, crossing the channel to La Harve, France. After a few days spent at a rest camp there, they proceeded to Eu, (00), France, and then to Blanchard, where six or seven weeks were spent in training with the British army. On July 26th, Keaton along with his regiment went into the front lines in Alsace-Lorraine sector. The regiment remained in this area until August 26, 1918, when they were moved to the St. Mihiel sector to support the 89th Division during their two days' drive on Sept. 12-13, in the first all-American drive of the war. Only a few days was spent by the

140th Regiment in this sector, when they again removed, this time going to the Argonne Forest to participate in the great drive which was to start on Sept. 26th. On the night of the 26th of September, Keaton along with his regiment went into the lines, and early on the morning of the 26th they "hopped" off on the great drive, which later meant so much to the Allied Armies, and proved to be the downfall of the German Army. During this drive, the American Army suffered great losses, and on the second day's battle, Keaton was struck by a high explosive shell and instantly killed. He was buried near Exermont, and later the body was disinterred and reburied in the great American cemetery at Romagne.

Thomas F. Keaton was well liked by both the officers and enlisted men in his company, and died as the true soldier. He was in every sense the true "buddie."

County Court.

Our county court was in session, Monday of last week, and disposed of its usual amount of routine business. County Attorney Bissett filed his report of fees collected during the month of August, which amounted to \$10.

W. R. Swope and R. C. Meyer in charge of the improvement of the Napier-Mound City road, reported the total donations amounted to \$1,127. The sum of \$496.50 was paid into the treasury and the clerk was ordered to draw warrant on the special road and bridge fund, payable to W. R. Swope; also to draw warrant for \$540 on same fund for same purpose being 60 per cent of the amount donated by the parties interested in the enterprise. The court also donated \$50 to aid the projectors in reimbursing parties for damages to crops, etc., by the road improvement.

John Speer and Charles Thompson, on showing the dangerous condition of the public road at 2, 59, 38, the court directed County Engineer Loucks to make survey and mark out the land at north east corner of northwest 1/4, n. e. of 2, 59, 38 and ascertain from the owners, the amount of damages for such land, and to file his report with the court.

County Treasurer Carson filed his semi-annual report, which showed a balance of \$11,638 in the school district funds and a balance of \$16,706 belonging to funds other than school funds—a total balance of \$33,336.

A controversy arising as to the location of a public road in 25, 63, 40, Surveyor Loucks was directed to investigate the records and to locate and mark out the same, and file his report with the court.

County Clerk Kunkel presented wolf and coyote scalps, and warrants were ordered drawn in favor of:

- J. M. Clark two wolf scalps...\$20
- Emmett Haer, 1 coyote scalp...\$10

The state auditor was authorized to draw his warrant in favor of the county treasurer for amounts due for high school aid, due the following consolidated districts:

- No. 1, Minnesota Valley...\$625
- No. 2, Bigelow...\$675
- No. 3, Fortescue...\$800
- No. 6, New Point...\$650

The clerk was ordered to certify same to state auditor.

Off to Conference.

Ministers of the M. E. church of Holt county are in attendance at the annual conference of that church, which convened at Brookfield, Tuesday of this week, Sept. 13, and presided over by Bishop Wm. A. Quayle, of St. Louis, and it is the 104th session of the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Rev. Fred J. Smith, of this city, was unable to attend, owing to an accident which caused him to break an arm, and the fracture of two ribs. He sent forward his reports which had been prepared before the accident.

The first session of the Missouri conference was held in Shiloh meeting house in September, 1816, in what was then Illinois territory. The first conference held in Missouri proper was in 1819 at McKendree church, Cape Girardeau, Mo. The first presiding bishop was Bishop McKendree. Since that time every bishop known to fame in the Methodist church has presided over the Missouri conference. This will be the sixth annual session over which Bishop Quayle has presided.

In the history of the conference only one bishop has resigned and that was Bishop Hanline, who resigned in 1852.

The conference was organized with a few scattering churches, or rather, classes, many of them, not having churches or meeting houses. The conference covered a territory as large as Illinois and Missouri. This same territory now includes several separate conferences, the Missouri conference including churches in Missouri, north of the Missouri river. There are 135 churches in the conference, with about 250 churches. The conference is divided into four districts, with headquarters at St. Joseph, Brookfield, Cameron and Kirksville.

Rural Carrier Changes.

The following changes in the rural carriers have been made to take effect Monday, September 19, 1921.

William F. Carroll, of route 3, has been transferred to route 1.

A BRILLIANT WEDDING.

Miss Francis Gelvin Becomes the Wife of Floyd Spencer of Chicago.

Miss Francis Gelvin, of Maitland, and Mr. Floyd Spencer, of Chicago, were married Wednesday, September 7, 1921, at high noon, in the Gelvin home, Rev. L. P. Parker, officiating.

The brilliancy of the wedding details were perhaps never exceeded in our little city. The handsome home was elaborately and artistically decorated for the occasion with asters, roses and heather and presented a harmony of colorings, that was unusually attractive. The altar was heavily banked with ferns, and Scotch heather, whose solid color effect was relieved by the brighter lines of exquisite bridal wreath.

Preceding the entry of the bridal party, Miss Merrie Mitchell, of Mound City, rendered the celebrated "Romance in D flat" on the piano. Mr. Jamie Mitchell sang most acceptably "If all those Endearing Young Charms." Then Miss Mitchell sang "At Dawning."

The entrance of the bridal party was very impressive. It was heralded by the strains of the wedding march from Mendelssohn, Miss Mitchell presiding at the instrument. Little Miss Louise Curfman, the ring bearer, led the procession. Following her were the flower girls, Misses Ruth Rankin and Mary Elizabeth Myers. The bride's maid, Miss Ora Gelvin, came next attired in dainty white georgette crepe with a corsage bouquet.

Following the bride's maid came the bride on her father's arm, wearing an embroidered white canton crepe gown and a corsage bouquet. Her long white tulle veil was fastened by a band of orange blossoms and supported by a page, John Rankin, Jr. She was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mrs. Ross Spencer, who wore conventional black.

After the bride had been given away by her father the double ring ceremony of the Presbyterian church was employed, uniting these two souls with but a single thought, these two hearts that beat as one.

Following the ceremony a lovely four-course dinner was served.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Gelvin. She was born and reared in Maitland. When quite young she identified herself with the church and has been an earnest successful Sunday school worker. She has been a leader in social and literary circles and will be very much missed.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, of Boulder, Colo. Mr. Spencer is a Professor in Chicago University, being an assistant to Dr. Shorey, head of the Greek department and one of the foremost Greek scholars in the United States. He is a young man of splendid physique and sterling qualities. He is very popular and numbers his friends by his acquaintances.

The popularity of this young couple and the esteem in which they are held was attested by the many and useful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer motored to St. Joseph, and left on the train for their future home, 822 E. 58th street, Chicago, Ill.

Among the guests at the Gelvin-Spencer wedding Wednesday were: Capt. Thomas Evans, St. Joseph; Mrs. G. H. Curfman and daughter, Louise, Solida, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Spencer and son, Ross, Boulder, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. George Stevenson and sons, Gelvin and Joseph, Tarkio; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rankin and children, Ruth and Robert, Tarkio; Miss Merrie Mitchell, Mr. Jamie Mitchell, Mound City—Maitland Herald, August 9, 1921.

Of the many congratulations that will come to this dear bride, none will be more sincere than comes from The old Sentinel, which she has read, since she has been able to read. It is no little pleasure for us to record the fact that she may every hour that comes to her married life, be as sweet and joyous as when she stood before man of cloth and took the vow until death do them part. Francis Gelvin has ever been a sweet beautiful christian, character, and may God so will it that she may ever be such until called up higher by her Divine Master, is the sincere wish of this old paper. To the groom; do your part; Francis will to its very fullest do hers.

Got His Man.

One man missed the "fun" when the lone bandit was captured in his attempted hold-up of the Burlington train, No. 16, near Parkville, Mo., Saturday, September 10.

All the thrills of an old-fashioned hold-up were experienced. The strategy of the train crew foiled the lone bandit, who was captured after being administered a severe beating by W. H. McGee, of Kansas City, the conductor.

Two confederates were believed to have jumped from the rear observation platform, when the lights on the train were cut off. A high powered motor boat shortly after was seen to dash out into the Missouri river. The bandit insisted he attempted the hold-up alone. He gave his name as Harry Burton. He was taken to the Platte County jail.

—David Goll, of Mound City, was arrested Sunday of this week, Sept. 11 on the charge of assaulting Herman Banning with intent to kill. He was brought to Oregon and lodged in jail, and on Monday was released, on giving bond in the sum of \$500.

School Fund Apportioned.

The largest apportionment of state school funds in the history of the state has been announced by the state superintendent Sam A. Baker. The apportionment totals \$4,422,114, which represents an increase of \$1,243,139 over the amount apportioned in 1920.

The great increase in the school fund this year is due to the increase in property valuation during the past year. The school fund is comprised of one-third of the total revenue received by the state treasurer from taxes and is apportioned to the various counties, according to the number of teachers employed by the various schools and the total number of days attended by all the pupils during the year.

The Holt county apportionment, which County Clerk Kunkel was notified by the state superintendent, amounts to \$23,231 an increase of 5-758 over that of 1920. The apportionment is based on high school aid, \$1-200; teacher's quota, \$8,150; attendance quota, \$13,881—total \$23,231. The high school aid is Craig, \$200; Corns, \$400; Forest City, \$400; Maitland, \$200.

In 1890 the amount of the state fund apportioned to Holt County was \$5-114; 1900, it was \$5,309; 1910 it was \$7,439; 1920, \$17,479; 1921, \$23,231.

As the 1921 enumeration of Holt County shows a total of 3,796 of school age, it means a state apportionment for our county of about \$6.00 for each child, which does not include the county and township funds apportionment.

The amount of the apportionment based upon the number of teachers employed is \$1,418,250, while the apportionment based upon the number of days attended by the pupils is \$2,669,723.60. There are approximately 21,000 teachers employed by the public schools of the state at the present time and at total of 69,500 schoolhouses. The total number of days children attended schools last year was 93,043,647.

The number of high schools in Missouri has increased from 261 to 622 during the past ten years; the enrollment in these high schools has increased from 322,649 to 410,982; the number of high school graduates has increased from 5,934 to 9,278; the number of boys and girls completing the common school course has increased from 14,412 to 28,705.

This is the centennial greeting that is brought to the people of the state from the state department of education under the supervision of State Superintendent.

The high school aid in 1901 was \$2,650; 1920 it \$4,693; teachers' training, 1921, \$2,400; vocational aid \$1,666.

Teachers' quota in 1920 was \$692; 1921, \$8,150; attendance quota 1920, \$8,352; 1921, \$13,881.

The total state aid to the county for the school year 1921-2 will be \$29,942; in 1920 it was \$20,123.

The total number of days attended by all the pupils of Holt County was 462,336.

The average daily attendance in the county during the school year was 2,776, while the enumeration was 3,796. The total expended for school purposes in our county during the past year was \$194,367.

The first apportionment was made in January, 1842, on the ratio of sixty cents to each child above the age of six and under eighteen years in the district in which an organized school was taught. The second, third and fourth apportionments were also made on the enumeration of children between the ages of six and eighteen years. The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth were made on children between the ages of five and twenty years. The ninth to the twenty-first, inclusive, were made on children between the ages of five and twenty years. The twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth were apportioned on children between the ages of five and twenty-one years. From 1871 to the present time, the legal school age has been from six to twenty years.

No apportionments were made in 1861, 1862, 1863, 1865 and 1867. The apportionments from revenue fund were first made in 1854, being one-fourth of the State revenue collected from November, 1853. This was continued regularly, except that no apportionment was made for the seven years from 1861 to 1868. Since 1887, one-third of the ordinary state revenue has been apportioned to the public schools of the state.

County Clerk Kunkel and Deputy Pollock will now be a busy pair to make their apportionment to each and every school district in the county, and it is one of the jobs that comes to the county clerk every year, and you can bet your last dollar, that every district will get every penny that is due them.

From Superintendent Baker's Centennial booklet we learn that the state has 21,126 teachers. Enrollment, 672,483. Value of state school properties is \$65,605,240 and the value of the equipment is \$6,120,465. We have 680 high schools.

—Tuesday night, Sept. 20, is the regular meeting night of the Woodville Farm Bureau Community Club. Special program has been arranged. Everybody is invited and urged to come early, so the meeting may begin on time, 8 p. m. Mrs. Ward Headley has charge of the entertainment program. We will be sure to have something good.

—Mrs. Oscar Simerly has returned from Fillmore, where she has been spending the summer with relatives.

The Teachers' Reception.

One of the committees of the Community League is the school committee, and its principal purpose is to bring about co-operation between the community and our public schools.

The committee started its work for this year by giving a reception to the teachers of the school, Friday evening of last week, at the high school auditorium, and it proved a most successful and delightful occasion. A large number of parents and patrons of the school were present to meet the teachers. Some of the people from the country were kept away by the threatening weather, but our community was well represented.

An interesting program of music and talks was given. Mr. Frank Zeller, president of the Community League, in his usual forceful manner, told the teachers that the community was interested in their work, and that we realized that as parents our duty did not consist merely in sending our children to the school, but that there were many ways in which we could cooperate and assist. Mr. Wm. P. Schulte, a member of the school board, welcomed the teachers to our community and to their work among us, and assured them of our desire to help.

Superintendent Thornton responded to this welcome, for himself and on behalf of the other teachers. Mr. Thornton's personality is pleasing and forceful, and we feel that we are fortunate in having him at the head of our schools. He expressed the willingness of the teachers to co-operate with the parents and the patrons of the school. He stated that in many places the most effective method used for the development of this co-operation was the Parent-Teachers' Association. He said he would like to have such an organization here, and that he believed we had the necessary spirit of enthusiasm and genuine interest to make it a success.

The social hour following the program gave every one a chance to meet the teachers personally, and it was probably the best part of the evening. The refreshments, consisting of punch and wafers, made all feel jolly and comfortable, and a general good time was had.

Our school is one of the biggest factors in the community. Our children are developed and moulded there. Too many of us are content to allow the school to be run by the board and faculty without expressing either interest or encouragement in their work and progress. In any line of work we must have interest and encouragement from our friends to produce our best, and no place is this more true than in the schools. If the spirit of enthusiasm and co-operation which pervaded the splendid evening of entertainment and sociability of last Friday is maintained through the year, we will have a school in Oregon, of which parents, teachers and pupils will all be proud, not only for its efficiency in study, but also in character and morale.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, Community League.

October Jurors.

The county court drew the following to serve as petit jurors and alternates at the coming October term of our circuit court, which meets the fourth Monday in October, the 24th:

Bigelow—B. Freeman; alternate, G. R. Cook.

Benton—Wm. McKee, Art Propes, Frank Cottler, Al Arnold; alternates, Don L. Allen, J. D. Morris, B. T. Smith, Dave Schaffer.

—Clay—John Morton, Fred Edwards, Ed Kneale; alternates, Chas. Watson, Ernest Hodgkin, Sylvester Agler.

Forest—R. W. Fawks, Wood Foster; alternates, Bud Leach, Albert Kollmer.

Forbes—J. W. Hall, Uebel Banks; alternates, W. L. Fancher, J. M. Womack.

Hickory—Claud Bender; alternate, Robert Boswell.

Lewis—T. O. Kreek, Chas. Herman, H. E. Kreek; alternates, Chas. King, Gil Kunkel, John P. Lacey.

Liberty—Thos. Kennish, Homer Griffith; alternates, Roy S. Lower, Loy Kunkel.

Lincoln—E. G. Lawrence; alternate, Gus Veits.

Minton—Chas. VanCamp; alternate, S. A. Babb.

Nodaway—J. J. Rayhill; alternate, Ed Hornecker.

Union—Chas. McCandlish, L. L. Teare, Carl Randall; alternates, C. R. Steffy, Chas. Judy, Sam Rose.

Badly Burned.

Mrs. John Heller, of this city, is laid up as the result of being badly burned on Friday, Sept. 2.

Mrs. Heller was preparing for her weekly washing, and the boiler was filled with water and on the family cook stove, and the water was in a boiling stage and well filled with clothes. She threw in a cup full of gasoline, and almost instantly the gasoline exploded, throwing the gas and boiling water over her waist, face and arms, which were badly burned. Dr. Wood was called and rendered the necessary medical attention and she is doing as well as could be expected.

John Kennish Dies Suddenly

The sad news has reached us that Hon. John Kennish died suddenly on the streets of Kansas City, Wednesday afternoon, September 14th. No further data is at hand. We hope to be able to give further particulars next week.

It is probable that the body will be brought to Mound City, and funeral held Saturday.

Holt County Sunday School Notes.

Second Timothy 2:15 is the working basis for the week of Sept. 18-25, which has been designated "Teacher-Training Week" in Missouri. Each school in the county should be represented in some training class, either of its own or a community class. Where neither is available, the individual can enroll and take the course by correspondence. The greatest need of our schools is "Trained Leadership," and the training class is the best answer to the question, "How and where shall we get them?" These classes have passed the experimental stage and the standard courses furnished by the various church boards are of the best that can be produced, and are worthy of the most careful study of all Sunday school workers. It takes three years to complete the course and requires a grade of 70 per cent to pass the pupil. Examinations are held regularly by the church boards or the State Sunday School Association, as the case may require.

Briefly the course is:

First Year:—(1) The Pupil. (2) The Teacher. (3) How to teach the life of Christ. (4) Organization and administration of the church school.

Second Year:—(1) Teaching values of the Old Testament. (2) Teaching values of the New Testament. (3) The message of the Christian Religion. (4) Training the devotional life.

Third Year:—Four units each in five specialization courses. (1) Beginners and primary. (2) Junior. (3) Young people. (4) Adults. (5) School administration.

For Special Helps:—Bulletins, Pageant material, etc.

For this work, write or call your district administration superintendent or the county superintendent. All classes should be organized and enrolled with the state association.

It helps the standing of your county, district and your school, and the help you will receive in return is more than worth while.

Do we stand approved? Will we pass inspection?

Study the Scripture verse for the week. T. E. WILSON, County. Adm. Supt. 1

Broke His Arm.

Our Methodist friends had a social on the parsonage lawn, Wednesday evening of last week, September 7. There was a good crowd and everybody seemed to have a good, even the kindly pastor, Rev. F. J. Smith, who seemed to be happy with the young people—but a sudden halt came to his romping with the young people.

While running a child stumbled and fell to ground immediately in front of Mr. Smith and he either had to step on the child or jump over it; he chose the latter. In doing this he fell to the ground, and he broke the fall by throwing his arm to the ground. Result, his left arm was broken in two places and two ribs were broken.

He was taken to the Methodist hospital, at St. Joseph, and fixed up and is now at home and around, but he is not able to go to conference, this week.

He Comes Back.

G. R. (Riley) McIntyre, who for years resided in Holt county and who was born on the old McIntyre farm, southeast of Oregon, and who pulled up his stakes and went to Kansas, then South and finally landed in Kansas City, where he has been residing the past two years, has tired of roaming and decided to return to his native heath. He has purchased the Abe Pullen ten-acre tract, adjoining Oregon on the south, the consideration being \$6,000. It was formerly known as the Abner Carson place, and is a lovely suburban home.

Mr. Pullen will move to the old VanBuskirk property, which will be vacated by Verne Allen, who goes to the Ben Morgan place, formerly occupied by Ray Hibbard.

Riley, we are glad you and your wife are to be with us.

Mothers' Meeting.

Presbyterian Church, Sunday, Sept. 18, 3 o'clock p. m. Leader, Mrs. Ora Hunt. Song, congregation. Scripture reading, leader. Opening prayer, Mrs. VanBuskirk. Vocal duet, Mrs. Harry Dungan and Mrs. Bonnie Hogan.

Short talks: (1) "Why Should We Continue These Meetings?" Mrs. Corwin Zeller. (2) "What Are Other Towns Doing for the Religious Welfare of Their Young People?" Mrs. Will Hanna. (3) "What Would We Gain by Organizing a Mothers' Club?" Mrs. Albert Kunkel.

Open discussion. Song, congregation. Closing prayer, Mrs. Scott Hodgkin. All women urged to attend. COM.